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MAYOR YOM KIPPUR

October 2, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 0:30)

KCAL9 anchor Dave Gonzalez reported that last night, Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa attended services at Temple of the Arts in Beverly Hills. He joined the Temple's rabbi to welcome the Mayor of Haifa, Israel. Yom Kippur, also known as the day of atonement, is a 24-hour period of self-reflection.

FOLEY DEVELOPMENT

October 3, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 3:08)

KCAL9 Political Reporter Dave Bryan reported that a disgraced Congressman claims he was a molestation victim, while conservatives turned up the heat on the House Speaker to step down. His attorney says former Florida Congressman Mark Foley is now in treatment for alcohol abuse but in the wake he's left behind political turmoil on Capitol Hill.

CONTROVERSIAL COMMENTS

October 6, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 1:58)

KCAL9 reporter Mark Coogan reported that Governor Schwarzenegger was defending some controversial comments that day. Yesterday, he said many Mexican immigrants in California have a problem assimilating to American culture. Now with the election only four weeks away, Democrats are seizing on that statement.

NORTH KOREA

October 9, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 1:56)

KCAL9 reporter Leyna Nguyen reported that President Bush says "an immediate response" is needed now that North Korea has joined the ranks of "nuclear nations." The U.S. has circulated a draft U.N. resolution that condemns North Korea's nuclear test and imposes tough sanctions.

EARLY VOTING

October 10, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 1:50)

KCAL9 reporter Greg Phillips reported that it's election season but you don't have to wait until November 7th to vote. Some people across L.A. County have already cast their vote electronically.

ANGELIDES ATTACKS

October 19, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 2:00)

KCAL9 reporter Mark Coogan reported the details on how the race for Governor got even more heated that night, and personal. Challenger Phil Angelides is attacking Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger, the person.

U.S.-IRAO STRATEGY

October 21, 8-9pm newscast (TRT 1:47)

KCAL9 reporter Tracie Strahan reported that in the battle for Iraq, President Bush met with top military commanders that day and promised to make every necessary change in order to win the war. The White House says the meeting focused on how to better pursue that strategy.

CAMPAIGN CONTROVERSY

October 23, 4-5pm newscast (TRT 2:23)

KCAL9 Orange County reporter Michele Gile reported that Democratic candidate for governor Phil Angelides has joined a chorus of complaints against a Republican candidate for Congress whose staff sent intimidating letters to Latino voters.

PROP 90 / EMINENT DOMAIN

October 28, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 3:37)

KCAL9 Political Reporter Dave Bryan reported that supporters call it the "Eminent Domain" Proposition, but the effect of Prop 90 would go far beyond that. About the only thing supporters and opponents agree on is that if passed, Proposition 90 would radically change the way government conducts business in California.

PROP 83 / JESSICA'S LAW

October 30, 12-1pm newscast (TRT 3:12)

KCAL9 Political Reporter Dave Bryan reported that supporters of tougher rules for sex offenders want to bring Jessica's Law to California. Proposition 83 mandates longer sentences and parole terms for many sex crimes, but there is debate.

GOVERNOR'S RACE

October 30, 4-5pm newscast (TRT 1:28)

KCAL9 reporter Mark Coogan reported live from Encino that with just one week to go before the November 7th election, Democratic gubernatorial candidate Phil Angelides is way behind Governor Schwarzenegger in the polls. But today, the who's who of the Democratic party rallied behind him at a town hall meeting in Pasadena.

IRAQ LATEST

November 2, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 1:39)

KCAL9 reporter Aleen Sirgany reported that with the Iraq War expected to play a key role in next week's elections, strategists from both parties are trying to figure out how to use the strong feelings about the mission to their advantage.

ELECTION 2006

November 6, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 1:52)

KCAL9 reporter Mark Coogan reported that Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger and his Democratic opponent Phil Angelides were pushing for votes in the Southland. Schwarzenegger had rallies in Irvine and Los Angeles that day. Angelides was at L.A. City College with three well-known Democrats by his side.

BALANCE OF POWER

November 7, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 3:30)

KCAL9 Political Reporter Dave Bryan reported on an historic midterm election night...that night, the balance of power in the nation's capitol shifted. The Democrats were taking control in the U.S. House of Representatives, and with just a few key states still in doubt, control of the Senate was still hanging in the balance.

DEMOCRATS / BUSH

November 9, 12-1pm newscast (TRT 1:42)

KCAL9 reporter Aleen Sirgany reported that President Bush was mending fences with Democrats that day. The President hosted a lunch with the woman expected to be the next House Speaker, Congresswoman Nancy Pelosi.

BUSH / TRIP TO ASIA

November 16, 12-1pm newscast (TRT 1:35)

KCAL9 reporter Aleen Sirgany reported that President Bush had strong words of warning for North Korea that day. He was on an international trip to meet with Asian leaders.

BUSH / RUSSIA

November 15, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 1:52)

KCAL9 reporter Beth Knobel reported that President Bush's trip to Asia got off to an eventful start. A refueling stop for "Airforce One" turned into a meeting in Moscow with Russian President Vladimir Putin. The two leaders reportedly ironed out some differences over lunch.

BUSH / VIETNAM

November 17, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 2:56)

KCAL9 Political Reporter Dave Bryan reported that President Bush visited Vietnam for an Asian-Pacific economic summit, but the leading topic of conversation with reporters was the Iraq War, and the parallels to the Vietnam War four decades ago.

IRAQ

November 22, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 1:48)

KCAL9 reporter Aleen Sirgany reported that according to the United Nations, more Iraqis died in October than in any month since the war began. Today another American soldier was killed, raising the November death toll to 50.

BATTLE FOR IRAQ

November 23, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 2:11)

KCAL9 Political reporter Dave Bryan reported that in Iraq tonight, thousands of U.S. soldiers marked Thanksgiving by enjoying a turkey dinner. But on the streets of Baghdad, there was no holiday from the death and destruction.

BUSH / IRAQI PRIME MINISTER

November 27, 12-1pm newscast (TRT 1:50)

KCAL9 reporter Aleen Sirgany reported that President Bush left Washington today for a weeklong diplomatic trip. One stop is a meeting with Iraqi Prime Minister Nuri Al-Maliki in Jordan—the meeting comes just as the Iraq Study Group gets ready to release its report.

NATO SUMMIT

November 28, 12-1pm newscast (TRT 1:34)

KCAL9 reporter Aleen Sirgany reported that President Bush arrived in Latvia to attend a NATO summit. The major topic is expected to be Afghanistan. Iraq is also on the minds of many.

BATTLE FOR IRAQ

December 4, 12-1pm newscast (TRT 1:48)

KCAL9 reporter Aleen Sirgany reported that at least 13 American soldiers died in Iraq over the weekend. Today President Bush is meeting at the White House with a Shiite member of the Iraqi Parliament, and they are expected to discuss the growing sectarian violence.

BLAIR / BUSH PRESSER

December 7, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 2:31)

KCAL9 Political reporter Dave Bryan reported that President Bush was searching for a new approach in Iraq. In his first detailed comments since the Iraq Study Group report came out yesterday, the President acknowledged things are bad in Iraq, and said he's disappointed in the lack of progress.

FOLEY FALLOUT

December 8, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 3:18)

KCAL9 Political reporter Dave Bryan reported that a House ethics verdict is in on the Mark Foley Capitol page scandal. The committee concludes that Republican lawmakers and aides failed for a decade to protect male pages from sexual advances, but did not break the rules and should not be punished.

IRAQ / BUSH

December 11, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 1:37)

KCAL9 reporter Karen Brown reported that President Bush is meeting with military commanders, diplomats and even historians as he considers a new approach to the war in Iraq. Amid the discussions, word from the Pentagon that more U.S. soldiers have died in Baghdad.

SENATOR JOHNSON

December 14, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 3:35)

KCAL9 Political reporter Dave Bryan reported that tonight the nation's capitol is a swirl of rumor and speculation as the balance of power and the life of a U.S. Senator hang in the balance. Democratic Senator Tim Johnson of South Dakota remains in critical condition at this hour.

RUMSFELD'S LAST DAY

December 15, 12-1pm newscast (TRT 1:31)

KCAL9 reporter Aleen Sirgany reported that Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld is saying his farewells today. He's getting a royal send-off.

GOVERNOR HOSPITAL TOUR

December 18, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 2:12)

KCAL9 reporter Mark Coogan reported that Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger is making "house" calls to critical care facilities in crisis. Many emergency rooms in Southern California treat patients who have little or no insurance.

BUSH / GATES

December 20, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 3:59)

KCAL9 Political reporter Dave Bryan reported that President Bush weighs a proposal for a surge of additional U.S. troops to stabilize Iraq. In Iraq, where Robert Gates pays his first visit since taking over as the new Defense Secretary, the hot topic of the day was similar to Washington—a troop surge.

GOVERNOR / PRISONS

December 21, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 2:52)

KCAL9 Political reporter Dave Bryan reported that tonight Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger is moving to clean up California's prison mess. He's proposing a sweeping Prison Reform Package, including a review of state sentencing guidelines—a politically risky issue that has already raised suspicion among some law and order conservatives.

GOVERNOR SURGERY

December 26, 12-1pm newscast (TRT 1:29)

KCAL9 reporter Paul Dandridge reported live from Santa Monica with the latest on the top story that hour—Governor Schwarzenegger temporarily gave up power this morning as he went in for surgery to fix his right femur. He broke his leg while skiing in Idaho over the Christmas weekend.

IRAQ LATEST

December 26, 12-1pm newscast (TRT 1:36)

KCAL9 reporter Randall Pinkston reported from Baghdad, that the U.S. Military announced the deaths of seven more American soldiers. Dozens of Iraqis also died today in a string of bombings.

SADDAM / EXECUTION

December 29, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 2:37)

KCAL9 reporter Jennifer Sabih reported details on the death of Saddam Hussein, who is dead, by hanging, for crimes against humanity. He earned a reputation as the butcher of Baghdad, and tonight he met his fate on the gallows.

AMISH SHOOTING

October 2, 12-1pm newscast (TRT 2:46)

KCAL9 reporter Randy Paige reported that a man went on a deadly rampage inside a one-room schoolhouse. So far six were dead, three more in critical condition. It happened at an Amish school in Pennsylvania.

WHITTIER SEXUAL ASSAULT

October 4, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 1:12)

KCAL9 reporter Greg Mills reported a warning that night for women in Whittier. Police were looking for a man they said groped a teenager at knifepoint as she walked along the street.

CAR INTO BUILDING

October 6, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 1:33)

KCAL9 reporter Paul Dandridge reported live from Hermosa Beach with details on the top story that hour—a ten year-old boy was recovering from a broken leg after a truck plowed into the bedroom where he and his brother were asleep. The truck then sped away. But now police have taken two people into custody.

ID THEFT

October 6, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 1:32)

KCAL9 Orange County reporter Michele Gile reported that members of a huge identity theft ring were busted. It's a ring that federal investigators say includes postal workers stealing your tax refund checks and credit cards from the mail.

MARINE COURT MARTIAL

October 6, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 1:47)

KCAL9 reporter Manuel Gallegus reported that a Navy medic who says he witnessed the murder of an Iraqi man by U.S. Marines is now testifying at their court martial. He claims he tried to protect the victim.

ROD BERNSEN ARREST

October 9, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 1:33)

KCAL9 reporter Dave Clark reported the latest details on the Rod Bernsen arrest. Bernsen is a former LAPD cop, former Southland crime reporter, and that night he was under arrest, facing federal charges.

HIGHWAY VANDALS

October 11, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 1:43)

KCAL9 Inland Empire reporter Craig Fiegener reported live from San Bernardino, where one of the victims of the highway vandals spoke on camera. Police are on the lookout for some teenage boys who have been throwing bricks from a freeway overpass in San Bernardino. They hit at least two cars, and one passenger had to be taken to the hospital.

KILLER GRANNY

October 12, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 2:10)

KCAL9 Orange County reporter Dave Lopez reported the story of the oldest person ever to be charged with murder in Orange County. Prosecutors say 81-year-old Jeane Allen killed her granddaughter's husband.

REDD SENTENCING

October 16, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 2:02)

KCAL9 Inland Empire reporter Craig Fiegener reported live from Riverside where three Riverside teens were sentenced that day for the murder of a 15-year-old boy. Prosecutors say they killed him simply because they didn't like the way he looked at them.

REAL ESTATE SCAM

October 18, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 2:12)

KCAL9 reporter Mark Coogan reported live from near Downtown Los Angeles with the story of two Monterey Park residents accused of victimizing the elderly and other homeowners. The state Attorney General says they rented out some 100 buildings that didn't belong to them, and even destroyed treasured belongings of the real owners.

RIALTO SHOOTING

October 18, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 1:35)

KCAL9 reporter Greg Mills reported live from Rialto with details on a cold-blooded killing. That night, a gunman who may be as young as 11-years-old, was on the loose. Police said all the victim did was give the suspect a dime when he was asked for one.

CAR VANDALS

October 20, 4-5pm newscast (TRT 1:58)

KCAL9 Ventura County reporter Amy Johnson reported that police in Oxnard were on alert. They want to avoid a repeat of more vandalism, after vandals targeted dozens of vehicles across the city the previous weekend, using BB guns to shoot out dozens of car windows.

SUBWAY KNIFE ATTACK

October 21, 8-9pm newscast (TRT 1:39)

KCAL9 reporter Lisa Sigell reported the top story that hour—a knife attack at a Subway sandwich shop. Now police want to find the man who stabbed a worker at a store near LAX, before he hurts someone again.

WEBSITE DATE RAPE

October 23, 4-5pm newscast (TRT 2:12)

KCAL9 Orange County reporter Dave Lopez reported live from Newport Beach with details on a date rape investigation. Prosecutors say the suspect posed as a millionaire, using an Internet dating service to lure his victims, but this afternoon he faced a judge.

LOYOLA SUSPECT

October 30, 3-3:30pm newscast (TRT 1:56)

KCAL9 reporter Paul Dandridge reported live from Westchester, with details on how a man dressed as a Chevron employee has been forcing his way into dorm rooms and harassing women on the Loyola-Marymount Campus. It happened at least twice last week, and there might be more cases.

BELLFLOWER SEX ASSAULT

October 31, 12-1pm newscast (TRT 1:53)

KCAL9 reporter Paul Dandridge reported live from Monterey Park where the L.A. County Sheriff's Department now has a suspect in custody in the sexual assaults of four children. Investigators were asking for the public's help in identifying other possible victims.

SEXUAL ASSAULT

November 1, 4-5pm newscast (TRT 1:10)

KCAL9 reporter Paul Dandridge reported live from Rolling Hills Estates with the top story that hour. Police say a man attacked a 12-year-old girl right on the sidewalk in front of her friends. But one quick move by the girl, and she got away.

DEADLY SHOOTING / CARSON

November 6, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 2:00)

KCAL9 reporter Jaime Garza reported live from the scene of the crime in Carson. He showed a crucial security tape in two murders, being shown first on KCAL-9. The video shows the killers of two employees at a Mobil gas station in Carson. One victim was 74 years old, the other a single mom starting her first day.

SEXUAL PREDATOR SEARCH

November 8, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 1:30)

KCAL9 reporter Suzie Suh reported live from Garden Grove where a sexual predator was believed to be hiding out. An urgent search for the predator in Orange County—the man is wanted for exposing himself to children and assaulting a young boy.

GOOD SAMARITAN ATTACK

November 9, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 2:40)

KCAL9 Inland Empire reporter Craig Fiegener reported live from Rialto, where police were looking for suspects, after a pizza delivery driver who answered a man's plea for help, ended up being attacked. His car was also stolen.

A QUESTION OF FORCE

November 10, 12-1pm newscast (TRT 1:54)

KCAL9 reporter Greg Phillips reported live from downtown L.A. with details on the LAPD beating story. The FBI has now joined the investigation of a questionable use of force by LAPD officers. A videotape shows an officer punching a suspect pinned on the ground.

VICTIM ASSAULT

November 13, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 1:33)

KCAL9 reporter Suzie Suh reported live with the story of a tragic chain of events, that left a Santa Ana man dead. First he was robbed, beaten and then left lying in the street. Then he was killed by a hit-and-run driver.

CHURCHGOERS HIT

November 19, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 0:35)

KCAL9 reporter Derek Bell reported live from Sky-9, flying over the scene of breaking news out of Whittier. Two cars that may have been racing, crashed into a family car, killing one person. The family was leaving the Salvation Army.

RIVERSIDE SEXUAL ASSAULT

November 20, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 1:14)

KCAL9 Inland Empire reporter Craig Fiegener reported live from Riverside, where police were investigating a case—a woman in Riverside claims someone grabbed her on her morning walk, dragged her into an apartment and then raped her.

DECADE OF MYSTERY

November 22, 8-9pm newscast (TRT 1:58)

KCAL9 Anchor Sylvia Lopez reported that in an exclusive with our sister station CBS News, John Ramsey speaks out for the first time about John Mark Karr. He discusses his daughter's murder, and the death of his wife.

IRVINE HOMICIDE

November 24, 12-1pm newscast (TRT 2:04)

KCAL9 Orange County reporter Dave Lopez reported live from Irvine with the latest on police looking for a man who lived with the women who was stabbed to death with a screwdriver.

ATTACKED AT HOME

November 27, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 1:21)

KCAL9 reporter Glen Walker reported live with details of a woman attacked in her home. A handyman is accused of holding a woman at knifepoint in her Camarillo home.

SEX OFFENDER SHUFFLE

November 28, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 2:37)

KCAL9 reporter David Goldstein reported the top story that hour—the newest fallout from his exclusive nine-month long investigation. Sex offenders being moved, by their parole agents, from place to place.

LIQUOR ROBBERY TAPE

November 30, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 1:08)

KCAL9 reporter Greg Mills reported live from Wilmington, with the security tape that shows everything that happened at the shooting that police say was totally unprovoked, outside a Wilmington liquor store. They've got the evidence, but they need help in finding the suspects.

TORRANCE SEX ASSAULT

December 4, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 1:24)

KCAL9 reporter Paul Dandridge reported live from Torrance at South High, with the investigation of a 37-year-old woman in Torrance accused of having sex with a 16-year-old high school student. Police have arrested her.

MARKET KILLING

December 6, 12-1pm newscast (TRT 1:56)

KCAL9 reporter Greg Phillips reported that a stop at a neighborhood market turned deadly—a man was killed and another injured, when they were shot in Wilmington last night. Police are asking for your help to find the killers.

ATM THEFT

December 7, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 2:20)

KCAL9 reporter Paul Dandridge reported live from Santa Monica with details on a brazen & fearless couple, who last night stole not just the money, but the entire part that stores the money from an ATM.

MISSION HILLS PREDATOR

December 11, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 1:53)

KCAL9 reporter Paul Dandridge reported live from North Hills, with the disturbing top story that hour. A man targeted all four children while they were sleeping—and police say he did it all within just one hour.

PAZ SENTENCE

December 15, 12-1pm newscast (TRT 1:55)

KCAL9 reporter Dave Lopez reported the top story that hour, live from the sentencing of Veronica Paz, who could spend the rest of her life behind bars. She and another man were convicted of killing Diego Gonzales and setting his body on fire.

OXYCONTIN ROBBERY

December 18, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 2:35)

KCAL9 Orange County reporter Michele Gile reported live from Newport Beach with the story of armed man who demands Oxycontin and other drugs at a Newport Beach pharmacy. The pharmacist is sure it's the same man who robbed him three years ago.

DEADLY HIT AND RUN

December 19, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 1:32)

KCAL9 reporter Carter Evans reported live on two deadly hit and run accidents, two hours part. In two different parts of South L.A. tonight, police are searching for the suspects.

NINE-YEAR-OLD GIRL SHOT

December 21, 8-9pm newscast (TRT 2:00)

KCAL9 reporter Randy Paige reported that the nine-year-old girl was standing next to her mother in their home last night when the bullet pierced the wall and hit her. Tonight the child is in grave condition, and police are pleading with the public to help them find a person of interest in the case.

MARINES CHARGED

December 21, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 2:26)

KCAL9 Political reporter Dave Bryan reported that a Marine Corps squad leader is charged with 12 counts of murder in connection with the killing of Iraqi civilians in Haditha last year. He's accused of ordering his squad to shoot first and ask questions later. Seven other Marines were also charged, three with murder.

CHRISTMAS HOMICIDE / SILVER LAKE December 25, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 1:10)

KCAL9 reporter Greg Phillips reported live from the scene in Silver Lake, where homicide detectives are investigating a Christmas killing that night. A man was gunned down outside of his home on Riverside Drive in Silver Lake.

FULLERTON OIS

December 29, 3-3:30pm newscast (TRT 1:27)

KCAL9 reporter Suzie Suh reported live from Fullerton with details on a deadly police shooting in Fullerton early that day. Officers opened fire on a man who was sleeping inside his car, with a shotgun on his lap.

HEALTH & MEDICINE

BREAST CANCER TREATMENT

October 2, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 2:52)

KCAL9 Health reporter Dilva Henry reported details on a new way of delivering radiation for breast cancer patients. Both doctors and patients say it's a major leap forward in treatment.

YOGA FLU SEASON

October 9, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 2:38)

KCAL9 Health reporter Dilva Henry reported that cold and flu season is here but doesn't have to get you down. There are simple ways to boost your immune system this time of year, and one of the best that more & more doctors are recommending is yoga.

CARROT JUICE WARNING

October 9, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 0:35)

KCAL9 reporter Rick Chambers reported that the FDA is telling consumers to stay away from a brand of bottled carrot juice after four cases of botulism poisoning. Bolthouse Farms in Bakersfield produced the carrot juice, which the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention say a woman in Florida was paralyzed because of. And three people in Georgia stopped breathing after drinking the carrot juice.

IS OUR FOOD SAFE?

October 12, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 2:48)

KCAL9 Health reporter Dilva Henry reported that just minutes prior, we learned that investigators have matched a strain of deadly e. Coli to a cattle ranch next to the Salinas Valley spinach fields. Over the past few weeks there have been several food scares, which has many Americans concerned about food safety from the farm to fork.

LIVING WITH JOINT PAIN

October 16, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 2:45)

KCAL9 Health reporter Dilva Henry reports on the best way to live with joint paint. Countless men and women live with pain in their hips and knees. But they're often told by their doctors to wait until the pain is almost unbearable to have joint replacement surgery.

BACK PAIN

October 18, 12-1pm newscast (TRT 1:48)

KCAL9 Health reporter Dilva Henry reported that back pain is one of the most common complaints among Americans. But more and more doctors now say, you don't have to just live with the pain.

FRESH VS. FROZEN

October 20, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 3:05)

KCAL9 Health reporter Dilva Henry reported that the question of fresh vs. frozen is one that many people ask when they're trying to eat healthy but don't always have the time. But grabbing those frozen foods may not be as bad as you think, depending on which ones you buy.

COMMON COLD

October 23, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 2:33)

KCAL9 Health reporter Dilva Henry reported that doctors say there are certain cold remedies that really do help to dodge a bad cold.

SALMONELLA SICK

October 31, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 1:45)

KCAL9 reporter Drew Levinson reported that though eating your vegetables is supposed to make you healthy, an outbreak of salmonella linked to vegetables has sickened nearly 200 people in 18 states.

KEEP KIDS HEALTHY

October 31, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 2:55)

KCAL9 Health reporter Dilva Henry reported that during the cold season it may seem impossible to keep your young kids healthy, but doctors say it certainly is possible if you do your part and they do theirs.

IMPOTENCE / THE HEART

November 3, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 2:57)

KCAL9 Health reporter Dilva Henry reported that to varying degrees, erectile dysfunction affects 52% of men ages 40 to 70 in the United States. Doctors want to get the word out that impotence can be an early sign to heart disease.

COMMON CONTRACEPTIVE

November 6, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 2:10)

KCAL9 Health reporter Dilva Henry reported the latest on contraceptives for women. Choosing the right one can be difficult, for good reason, and that's because there are so many more to choose from than years ago.

FISH PAIN

November 7, 4-5pm newscast (TRT 2:15)

KCAL9's Dr. James reported that new research from the Univ. of Pittsburgh suggests that omega-3 fats found in fish oil reduce chronic pain as well as ibuprofen and other non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs do. You can find these powerful pain and inflammation fighting fats in salmon and other fish as well as in fish oil supplements.

ACETAMINOPHEN RECALL

November 9, 12-1pm newscast (TRT 2:39)

KCAL9 Health reporter Dilva Henry reported that a massive recall of acetaminophen was underway. Millions of bottles of store brand pain pills are being recalled today because the company says they may contain small pieces of metal.

SAFE AND UNSAFE TANS

November 16, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 2:24)

KCAL9 Health reporter Dilva Henry reported that more than 800,000 Americans will be diagnosed with skin cancer this year alone. Excessive tanning or exposure to the sun is responsible for 90% of the cases. But doctors say it is possible to get a safe tan.

SENIOR FALLING DANGER

November 20, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 2:35)

KCAL9 reporter Josh Rubenstein reported live from Agoura Hills with some tips on avoiding falling dangers. Seniors take deadly falls—you may not be aware of it but the staggering numbers indicate a serious problem. In fact, falling is the leading cause of death for seniors.

BACK SURGERY OR NOT

November 21, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 2:05)

KCAL9 Health reporter Dilva Henry reported that if you have back aches and pains that just won't go away, you may have thought about surgery—but a new study shows that sparing the scalpel may not be a bad idea. Some patients have recovered from herniated disks without surgery, using physical therapy and other treatments instead.

CONTACT LENS SOLUTION

November 21, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 1:21)

KCAL9 reporter Glen Walker reported live from Hollywood about a Santa Ana based eye-care company that has ordered a massive recall of one of its products. The contact lens solution was found to have bacterial contamination.

DODGING DVT

November 22, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 2:47)

KCAL9 Health reporter Dilva Henry reported on how to avoid a potentially fatal condition this holiday season. Deep Vein Thrombosis happens when a person doesn't get enough blood circulating from the legs to the rest of their body and a clot forms. And this time of year, doctors want all travelers to know about it.

FDA / PILLS AVAILABLE

November 24, 12-1pm newscast (TRT 1:39)

KCAL9's Dr. Sean Kenniff reported that it's now possible to get an emergency contraceptive drug over the counter. After years of political debate, the Food and Drug Administration finally made "Plan B" available without a prescription.

WEIGHT / BREAST CANCER

November 27, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 2:01)

KCAL9 Health reporter Dilva Henry reported that being overweight can lead to a number of different and often deadly health problems. That's why results of a new study may be surprising—researchers found premenopausal women who are overweight are less likely to develop breast cancer.

CALORIE COUNTER

November 27, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 1:53)

KCAL9 reporter Leyna Nguyen reported that the holiday season is one of the toughest times to lose weight. But if you're serious about cutting calories, a new high-tech device could help put you on the right track. It's one of the few devices out there that's getting a thumbs up from personal trainers.

STATINS / HEART DISEASE

November 28, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 2:05)

KCAL9 Health reporter Dilva Henry reported that Statin drugs are incredibly popular—roughly 12-million Americans who have high cholesterol or heart disease use them. But a new study finds they may also be beneficial to people with a healthy heart.

WINTER SKIN

December 6, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 2:17)

KCAL9 Health reporter Dilva Henry reported that if your skin is feeling dry, the reason is cooler temperatures and drier air. But there are simple things you can do to winterize your skin.

MITRAL VALVE PROLAPSE

December 7, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 2:06)

KCAL9 Health reporter Dilva Henry reported that there is an extremely common condition that many people don't know about. The condition called "Mitral Valve Prolapse" affects millions of Americans, mostly women. Doctors say there are certain things people with this condition must know.

EXERCISE / BREAST CANCER

December 11, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 1:43)

KCAL9 reporter David Marks reported that though it's known that exercise is good for just about every part of your body, a new study shows that exercise might even help protect against breast cancer.

EARLY ONSET ALZHEIMER'S

December 14, 12-1pm newscast (TRT 1:59)

KCAL9 Health reporter Dilva Henry reported that Alzheimer's Disease is typically associated with the senior population, people over age 65. But sadly, many younger people are being diagnosed in their 50's and even 40's.

WRINKLE CREAM

December 13, 3-3:30pm newscast (TRT 0:34)

KCAL9 reporter Sandra Mitchell reported that when it comes to wrinkle creams, it seems drug store brands are just as good as pricey products. A study done by Consumer Reports Magazine ranked "Olay Regenerist" as the most effective in reducing wrinkles. It costs 19 dollars.

SPIDER VEINS

December 15, 8-9pm newscast (TRT 1:24)

KCAL9 Health reporter Dilva Henry reported that the little veins that crawl up the legs are called spider veins. They're not harmful but some women who have them feel uncomfortable and self-conscious. Now, there are ways to get rid of them.

SKIN CANCER SIDEBAR

December 19, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 1:43)

KCAL9 Orange County reporter Michele Gile reported live from Orange, with details on Squamos Cell Cancer, and how it can affect the rest of the body, if it goes unchecked.

TRAIN YOUR BRAIN

December 19, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 2:26)

KCAL9 Health reporter Dilva Henry reported that the saying "use it or lose it" applies to muscles we work out in the gym but it also applies to our brainpower. A new study shows that training the brain of seniors can help them to function better in everyday life.

OD ON ANTI-INFLAMMATORY

December 21, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 2:10)

KCAL9 Health reporter Dilva Henry reported that just this week, Federal health officials called for tougher warning labels on pain relievers like aspirin, acetaminophen and ibuprofen. They're safe when used properly, but the concern is Americans may not be aware of potential side effects or the potential for overdosing.

HOLIDAY EATING

December 25, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 2:00)

KCAL9 Health reporter Dilva Henry reported tips on how to avoid gaining those extra holiday pounds. Weight gain may seem as much a part of the holidays as gifts and decorations, but it doesn't have to be.

HOLIDAY DEPRESSION

December 27, 8-9pm newscast (TRT 1:57)

KCAL9 Health reporter Dilva Henry reported that for a lot of people, the holidays can be a rough time of the year emotionally. But there are some things you can do to beat the blues.

POPULAR DIET

December 31, 8-9pm newscast (TRT 2:00)

KCAL9 Health reporter Dilva Henry reported on how some of those high-profile celebrities lose weight and keep it off. Some of them are using a special home delivery food company.

MINORITY AND COMMUNITY

MISSING CANCER DOG

October 2, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 2:05)

KCAL9 reporter Dave Lopez reported that after missing for almost two months, a dog who provided comfort to a cancer patient is back home where she belongs. He shows you what it took to reunite Charlotte with her owner.

CLINIC BURNED DOWN

October 3, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 2:20)

KCAL9 Orange County reporter Dave Lopez reported live from La Habra with the story of a disastrous fire at the La Habra office of the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. More than \$700,000 in donated checks and merchandise went up in flames. The agency must now try to replace the items as they enter the busy fundraising season.

GRIFFITH OBSERVATORY REOPENING October 3, 8-9pm newscast (TRT 2:00)

KCAL9 reporter Randy Paige reported that it may seem like it's been light years since you've been able to go there to observe the cosmos, but after six years and 93-million dollars, it's just about ready to make its world debut.

TOPANGA GRAND OPENING

October 6, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 2:00)

KCAL9 reporter Randy Paige reported live from the redeveloped Westfield Topanga Mall in Canoga Park to report about all the new shops and restaurants. The massive new shopping complex is celebrating its grand re-opening today.

FIERY CRASH HERO

October 9, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 2:41)

KCAL9 reporter Carter Evans reported that a Norco man is being called a hero today. He saved the lives of two people trapped inside a burning car over the weekend. As fate would have it, it was the second time for this hero to try to save a life.

CLIFF RESCUE

October 9, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 1:15)

KCAL9 reporter Mary Beth McDade reported live from near Torrance with the latest on the condition of a woman rescued that day in Palos Verdes Estates when she fell 100 feet into a ravine. Rescuers had to hoist her out by helicopter.

ANIMAL SHELTER / EMINENT DOMAIN October 17, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 2:06)

KCAL9 reporter Juan Fernandez reported live from Beverly Hills, where animal lovers were giving their Mayor a new nickname that night: the Grinch. But the city says to hold on a minute, when it comes to the seizure of an animal shelter.

CANCER GIRL

October 18, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 2:25)

KCAL9 reporter Stacey Butler reported the story of an enthusiastic cheerleader for a pop warner football team—but now, this eight-year-old Yorba Linda girl is in the fight of her life. Thankfully, she is getting a lot of support from friends and strangers.

ACLU / IMMIGRANT BANS

October 20, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 2:00)

KCAL9 reporter Bill Tucker reported on the immigration battle. The American Civil Liberties Union is fighting moves to punish landlords who rent to illegal immigrants. Escondido is one of many cities nationwide adopting ordinances that ban such rentals.

GROUP HOME CONTROVERSY

October 23, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 2:50)

KCAL9 reporter Kareen Wynter reported that some special Pasadena residents have a new home, and for many it's a once in a lifetime opportunity to live as an independent adult. But all is not well on the home front, as some of their Pasadena neighbors want them out.

105-YEAR-OLD CITIZEN

October 25, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 1:53)

KCAL9 reporter Randy Paige reported that America's newest citizen is also one of our oldest. She was among 7,000 people who took the oath of citizenship today in Pomona.

EVACUATED HOMEOWNERS

October 26, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 1:10)

KCAL9 reporter Greg Phillips reported that the raging wildfire was also impacting homeowners' pets and other animals. He gave details on this part of the firewatch coverage.

PRAYER VIGIL / NIGHT

October 29, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 1:47)

KCAL9 reporter Jennifer Sabih reported live from Fire Station 88 in Sherman Oaks, where there is a prayer vigil going on right now for the victims of the Esperanza fire. Four firefighters died when flames overtook them on the first day of the blaze. Another is clinging to life.

OBSERVATORY GALA

October 29, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 1:31)

KCAL9 reporter Suzie Suh reported live from the festivities in Griffith Park, where it was a great night for stargazing at the Griffith Observatory. Celebrities and politicians gathered to celebrate the Observatory's grand re-opening.

COMMUNITY DONATION

October 30, 12-1pm newscast (TRT 1:33)

KCAL9 reporter Linda Alvarez reported live from downtown L.A. with the story of the kind of gift charities and community organizations can only dream about. But today the California Community Foundation is the recipient of one of the largest bequests in U.S. history. And it came from a Westwood woman whose enormous wealth no one suspected.

WEHO CARNIVAL

October 31, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 1:55)

KCAL9 reporter Glen Walker reported live from West Hollywood in the middle of all the action at the West Hollywood Costume Carnival. The streets are packed with thousands of people, decked out in all kinds of costumes.

DISNEYLAND HOUSING

November 6, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 2:26)

KCAL9 Orange County reporter Dave Lopez reported live from Anaheim, where city leaders found themselves at odds with one of their most important residents, Disneyland. City leaders say Anaheim desperately needs new housing, but the city's biggest employer is troubled by the project.

USO / ONTARIO AIRPORT

November 7, 4-5pm newscast (TRT 2:00)

KCAL9 reporter Josh Rubenstein reported that there was a grand opening and a military-themed part at Ontario International Airport that day. They opened their new USO facility.

O/C FOREST RESCUE

November 8, 12-1pm newscast (TRT 2:10)

KCAL9 Orange County reporter Dave Lopez reported live from Anaheim with the story of a man who was riding his motorcycle in a remote forest area and tumbled down a hillside. Despite his injuries he managed to crawl 75 feet up a steep slope, and was finally rescued.

FIRE RESCUE

November 9, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 2:00)

KCAL9 reporter Jaime Garza reported live from Duarte with the top story that hour, a hero's story. A 90-year-old woman and two others are alive thanks to a neighbor who jumped into a burning house to rescue them.

FOREST LAWN VETS

November 10, 12-1pm newscast (TRT 1:56)

KCAL9 reporter Randy Paige reported live from the Hollywood Hills with the story of the Southland honoring veterans that day. One of the biggest local Veteran's Day events was taking place at Forest Lawn Cemetery.

UNHAPPY WOMEN

November 13, 12-1pm newscast (TRT 2:28)

KCAL9 reporter Josh Rubenstein reported live from the Fairfax District with details and reaction to a new study, which shows that life can be especially difficult for middle-aged women, often juggling jobs, children and the growing needs of aging parents all at the same time.

FATHER OF THE BRIDE JITTERS

November 16, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 1:47)

KCAL9 reporter Carter Evans reported the story of a soon to be father of the bride who discovered just how stressful a wedding can be. He's a local man who's keeping track, and sharing it all on the web.

FIVE-YEAR-OLD CALLS 911

November 17, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 2:08)

KCAL9 reporter Randy Paige reported live from Victorville with the top story that hour. An emotional story of a young hero—a five-year-old boy picked up the phone and called 911, after his mother collapsed on the floor.

MISSION THANKSGIVING

November 22, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 2:10)

KCAL9 reporter Linda Alvarez reported live from downtown L.A. with details on the Los Angeles Mission's Thanksgiving dinner for Skid Row residents, and those who helped make it happen. Providing vital services to people living on L.A.'s Skid Row is a never-ending mission.

CANINE UNIT AWARD

November 22, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 2:33)

KCAL9 reporter Josh Rubenstein reported that police dogs are feared by the bad guys and are also multi-lingual. Rubenstein went to Riverside to show why officers and dogs were celebrating.

REASON FOR THANKS

November 24, 12-1pm newscast (TRT 2:48)

KCAL9 Health reporter Dilva Henry reported that a small group of Southern Californians was a bit sore that morning but very thankful. That's because they can walk again without much pain, thanks to a very special program called, "Operation Walk."

VIGIL FOR THREE-YEAR-OLD

November 24, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 1:31)

KCAL9 reporter Greg Mills reported live from Pomona where residents were demanding an end to the violence. The community was mourning the shocking death of a three-year-old boy. Ethan Esparza was killed in a drive-by shooting outside his grandfather's house.

GLORY OF CHRISTMAS

November 24, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 1:48)

KCAL9 reporter Suzie Suh reported live from Garden Grove with details on the Glory of Christmas coming to life that night. The Crystal Cathedral's reenactment of the nativity story is kicking off the holiday season in the Southland.

GIFT SHOE BOXED

November 27, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 2:12)

KCAL9 reporter Josh Rubenstein reported that it's the season of giving, and you don't need to go far in the Southland to see it. An Orange County group is making sure it's a happy holiday for children all over the world.

LETTERS TO SANTA HELP

November 29, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 2:05)

KCAL9 reporter Jaime Garza reported live from Santa Clarita, where it was the official opening day of "Santa Central" at the Post Office there. Santa's helpers were already sorting through thousands of "Dear Santa" letters—some tell stories of despair, others are more uplifting, but all have a wish list for Christmas.

VIRGIN OF GUADALUPE

December 1, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 1:42)

KCAL9 reporter Annie Kim reported live from downtown L.A. where the image of the Virgin of Guadalupe made the first of many stops. The image arrived in L.A. that day from Mexico, as a weekend of festivities lay ahead to celebrate the feast days of Our Lady Of Guadalupe.

CHARITY UNIFORMS

December 6, 12-1pm newscast (TRT 1:16)

KCAL9 Inland Empire reporter Craig Fiegener reported that a Rancho Cucamonga man hasn't forgotten the victims of Hurricane Katrina. He's collecting sports uniforms and hopes to get them all to New Orleans by the year.

TOY GIVEAWAY

December 10, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 0:40)

KCAL9 reporter Mary Beth McDade reported that the men and women of the Mission Police Station hosted a huge holiday part that day for their community. Mayor Villaraigosa and Chief Bratton joined the festivities.

SAN PEDRO CHRISTMAS TREE

December 11, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 1:43)

KCAL9 reporter Linda Alvarez reported from Peppertree Plaza, to show why everyone was coming together for a scrawny little tree. You could say it took a village to make the Christmas tree in San Pedro stand proud this holiday season.

ROOMMATE RESCUE

December 13, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 0:40)

KCAL9 reporter Suraya Fadel reported live from Buena Park where a fire meant that timing was everything, in fact "critical" when it comes to life and death. A woman was being praised that night for braving smoke and flames to save her roommate's life

FIRE FAMILY HOMELESS

December 18, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 2:02)

KCAL9 reporter Jaime Garza reported live from Huntington Park, to report that a Huntington Park family is homeless just a week before Christmas. A fire destroyed their home early this morning. Garza explains what's being done to help them.

CHP TOYS TO HOSPITAL

December 19, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 1:38)

KCAL9 reporter Jennifer Davis reported that this holiday season, the California Highway Patrol needs your help to put smiles on the faces of thousands of children. Every year, the department collects toys to give to needy children, but this year the agency doesn't have enough donations and needs more toys.

AFRICAN AMERICAN LEGACY

December 19, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 2:03)

KCAL9 reporter Randy Paige reported the story of a Mamie Clayton's prized possessions. She was a University librarian and avid collection of African American historical artifacts—when this local woman died in October, she left behind a lasting legacy. A treasure trove of books, photos, documents and more.

POLICE TOY GIVEAWAY

December 21, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 1:36)

KCAL9 reporter Greg Phillips reported live from Menifee with the reaction to the generosity and goodwill of a college Police Department that adopted a needy family in the Inland Empire, and surprised them tonight with a huge Christmas celebration.

CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES

December 24, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 2:00)

KCAL9 reporter Annie Kim reported live from Our Lady of Angels Cathedral in downtown L.A., where they were celebrating several masses that night. Christmas eve is considered one of the holiest nights of the year—the night when Christians around the world gather to mark the pending birth of Jesus.

MISSION CHRISTMAS MEAL

December 25, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 1:42)

KCAL9 reporter Rick Chambers reported details on the annual dinner, which is much more than just a meal. The less fortunate enjoyed a holiday meal this Christmas thanks to the Midnight Mission in downtown L.A.

PASADENA SAFETY PARADE

December 27, 8-9pm newscast (TRT 2:05)

KCAL9 reporter Randy Paige reported that last0minute details were being dealt with for the 2007 Tournament of Roses Parade. If you plan to be among the millions or so people on the streets of Pasadena watching on New Year's Day, Paige reports on some rules you need to know.

ENVIRONMENT

BUMPY ROADS

October 2, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 1:45)

KCAL9 reporter Greg Phillips reported that if you live in California, chances are you're in for a bumpy drive because the state has some of the bumpiest roads in the nation. In fact, Los Angeles ranks number two on the list of cities most in need of road repair.

SPINACH SCARE

October 5, 12-1pm newscast (TRT 1:29)

KCAL9 reporter John Blackstone reported that federal investigators were still trying to determine how the deadly E. coli bacteria ended up in spinach from California. They found it in the water in Salinas. But they still don't know how it got there.

PUMPKIN FUNGUS

October 9, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 1:58)

KCAL9 Inland Empire reporter Craig Fiegener reported that a fungus was threatening to take the fun out of Halloween. Much of the nation was faced with a scary problem of a possible pumpkin shortage, because of the fungus decimating pumpkin patches.

SMOKING BAN

October 10, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 1:40)

KCAL9 reporter Randy Paige reported live from Santa Monica with reaction to the city's latest smoking ban proposal. If you live, work or just enjoy being outside in Santa Monica, it may soon be a major challenge finding a place to light up.

COYOTE ATTACK WARNING

October 10, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 1:42)

KCAL9 reporter Juan Fernandez reported live from Seal Beach with more on the danger of the killers roaming the hills and coves of Seal Beach—they're coyotes, and there is an urgent warning about steps to take to protect people and pets.

WILDLIFE WAYSTATION

October 11, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 1:59)

KCAL9 reporter Linda Alvarez reported that it has been a sanctuary for exotic animals for thirty years. And the Wildlife Way Station is about to mark that milestone with a star-studded fundraiser this week. The fundraiser is to help the sanctuary re-open its doors to the public.

BROWN WIDOW

October 18, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 2:05)

KCAL9 Orange County reporter Dave Lopez reported details on the sudden appearance of a certain spider. One Southland college student thought she had found a pale-colored black widow spider. But when she brought it to her professor, she learned it was actually a new brown specimen.

OC MEASURE M / TRANSPORT

October 19, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 4:06)

KCAL9 Political Reporter Dave Bryan reported that tonight the battle lines are drawn in Orange County, over whether to extend a half-cent sales tax increase to pay for improvements to freeways and mass transit.

PROPOSITION 84

October 20, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 2:32)

KCAL9 Political Reporter Dave Bryan reported on the debate over Prop 84. California voters have already passed five bond issues totaling \$11-billion in the last decade for water, parks and natural resources projects. Now the voters are being asked to decide whether to pass a sixth proposition: 84, the Clean Water, Parks and Coastal Protection Act.

OC TRASH STRIKE

October 25, 12-1pm newscast (TRT 1:49)

KCAL9 reporter Jennifer Davis reported that the garbage was piling up across parts of Orange County. Thousands of residents and business won't have regular trash pick-ups as a strike by sanitation company workers entered its third day.

ESPERANZA FIRE

October 28, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 2:20)

KCAL9 reporter Vince Gonzalez reported that the statistics that night on the Esperanza fire were staggering. 40,000 acres burned, 27 homes lost, four firefighters killed, and a fifth clinging to life at that house. Firefighters made good progress that day—the latest word was that it was 60% contained.

RATS IN YORBA LINDA

October 28, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 1:35)

KCAL9 Orange County reporter Michele Gile reported that an Orange County community is having a hard time dealing with some unwanted rats. Residents say they're seeing more and more rodents roaming around the streets and their yards.

GIANT SINKHOLE

November 1, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 1:24)

KCAL9 reporter Dave Clark reported live from the scene in West L.A., to discuss what caused a giant sinkhole to swallow an auto repair shop. It's likely to be a long and hard road to recovery for the West L.A. neighborhood.

RIALTO FIRE

November 6, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 1:32)

KCAL9 reporter Craig Fiegener reported that firefighters jumped on two fires at the foot of the Cajon Pass that day. The brush fire near the 215 and 15 interchange is 30% contained and for all practical purposes, the other fire in an industrial park is out.

MERCURY CROSSES SUN

November 8, 12-1pm newscast (TRT 1:15)

KCAL9 reporter Linda Alvarez reported from Griffith Park, about a majestic celestial event going on right now. Mercury is visible as it passes across the face of the sun.

WANDERING BEAR

November 13, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 0:28)

KCAL9 reporter Rick Chambers reported that the wandering bear has returned, and was spotted in Fillmore that morning. Deputies cornered the bear and waited until Fish and Game officers arrived to tranquilize it. The bear was released in the Los Padres National Forest.

I-15 WARNING

November 16, 12-1pm newscast (TRT:32)

KCAL9 Anchor Mia Lee reported that another traffic headache is in the making. Caltrans is shutting down the Northbound 15 at the 215 interchange to continue its road renovation project. It begins Saturday at 8 a.m. and runs through Monday at 4 a.m.

SOUTHERN STORMS

November 16, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 1:32)

KCAL9 reporter Rachel Lee reported that there was cleanup and recovery across parts of the Southeastern U.S. that night. Severe storms with tornadoes and heavy rain caused widespread damage in at least four states.

ESPERANZA FIRE REPORT

November 19, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 1:36)

KCAL9 reporter Linda Alvarez reported new details about the deadly Esperanza Fire. A new state report says the five firefighters faced 90-foot walls of flames, swept by 40 mile-per-hour winds. The conditions so severe, the screw of Engine 57 were overwhelmed.

FREEWAY HAZARD / SHUTDOWN

November 22, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 2:08)

KCAL9 reporter Mark Coogan reported live from Hawthorne, where a truck carrying toxic chemicals overturned! It's the perfect storm of traffic jams, and it couldn't have happened on a worse day, as thousands struggle to get out of town before Thanksgiving.

WATERMAIN BREAK

November 23, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 1:39)

KCAL9 reporter Lisa Sigell reported live from Sherman Oaks, where hundreds of people had reason to be thankful, as the water resumed running through their faucets. A water main break threw a major wrench into the holiday for about 300 homes.

GRAPEVINE SNOW

November 27, 12-1pm newscast (TRT 1:26)

KCAL9 reporter Greg Phillips reported as part of the live team coverage on the "Storm Watch." He reported live from near Pine Ridge with details on the first snowfall. The first cold storm of the season was bringing rain, gusty winds and low temperatures.

COLD SNAP

November 28, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 2:05)

KCAL9 reporter Jaime Garza reported live from Pasadena with some advice, as Southern California was experiencing a cold snap. Temperatures might dip to 32-degrees tonight, and though it's uncomfortable for us humans, it can be devastating for your plants.

RED FLAG ALERT

November 29, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 2:15)

KCAL9 reporter Mark Coogan reported live from the Hollywood Hills with what you need to know about the fire danger. The gusty winds combined with low humidity were creating serious fire conditions, and a Red Flag Warning was up in L.A. county.

FIRST FLU CASE

November 30, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 2:00)

KCAL9 reporter Jennifer Sabih reported on the flu alert that night. Health officials have confirmed the first case of the flu in the Southland.

LAX TRAVEL DELAYS

December 1, 12-1pm newscast (TRT 1:41)

KCAL9 reporter Jennifer Davis reported that the winter weather around the nation is affecting air travel, even right here in Southern California. Davis reported details from LAX regarding the travel delays.

VENTURA COUNTY BRUSHER

December 4, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 1:59)

KCAL9 reporter Randy Paige reported live from Moorpark, where a fire broke out the day before in Shekell Canyon. Five homes and thousands of acres have been charred, but fortunately that afternoon firefighters were starting to get the upper hand on the wildfire burning in Ventura County. Firefighters say the "Shekel Fire" is not 35% contained.

WATER ON MARS?

December 6, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 1:35)

KCAL9 reporter Mark Coogan reported live from the Jet Propulsion Laboratory, with more on the new evidence and provocative new study that suggests water on Mars.

LOCAL SOURCE OF E. COLI ?/ OXNARD ONIONS December 7, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 1:52)

KCAL9 reporter Randy Paige reported that investigators that night were scouring a field of green onions grown here in Southern California, to see if they're connected to an e. Coli outbreak on the east coast. Scores of people are sick after eating at east coast Taco Bell restaurants that get their onions from Southern California.

HIGH SURF

December 11, 12-1pm newscast (TRT 2:03)

KCAL9 Orange County reporter Michele Gile reported live from Newport Beach on a series of Pacific storms kicking up the waves along the California coast. There's a High Surf Alert for those of you thinking about hitting the beach.

DEADLY STORM

December 15, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 1:15)

KCAL9 reporter Manuel Gallegus reported that a massive storm is blamed for four deaths in Washington state. It has left millions of people without power in the Pacific Northwest, toppled trees and triggered deadly flooding.

RAIN / SNOW

December 16, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 1:15)

KCAL9 reporter Carter Evans reported live from Burbank, with the story of how it really feels like winter tonight here in Southern California. A storm front is moving through, and it's bringing us lots of cold rain and snow.

MOUNTAIN SNOW

December 17, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 1:25)

KCAL9 reporter Carter Evans reported from Snow Valley, that the storm system that moved through here this weekend turned out to be relatively mild. But it did drop more than a foot of snow on local mountains. Skiers and snowboarders had a field day.

MUDSLIDE BILL

December 17, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 2:12)

KCAL9 reporter Lisa Sigell reported that nearly two years after storms triggered devastating mudslides in Hacienda Heights, residents have learned they may have to pay for all of the damage. And they're not happy about it.

CALIFORNIA COLD WEATHER

December 19, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 1:30)

KCAL9 reporter Greg Phillips reported live from Wrightwood with details on our cold blast. Frosty the Snowman will feel right at home, with frost expected in widespread areas—even Palm Springs.

LAX TRAFFIC

December 21, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 1:56)

KCAL9 reporter Mary Beth McDade reported live from LAX with the travel trouble details. A blizzard is stranding passengers at LAX tonight—no, we haven't had some freak storm. The snow is in Denver and it's having a terrible ripple effect across the country.

CHRISTMAS TREE RECYCLING

December 26, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 0:28)

KCAL9 reporter Stacey Butler reported that a holiday recycling tradition was grinding away in San Francisco. These Christmas trees served their owners well and now they're serving the environment. For the past 20 years, people have brought their trees to City Hall to be sent through a giant chipper. The chips are used as garden mulch or high efficiency fuel for power plants.

HIGH WINDS

December 28, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 1:25)

KCAL9 reporter Carter Evans reported live from the Grapevine with the night's top story. The winds came and they knocked things down, the snow and ice came and they shut things down—a wild day of weather causing havoc in the Southland.

EDUCATION AND YOUTH

AMISH SCHOOL SHOOTING

October 2, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 2:35)

KCAL9 reporter Randy Paige reported on what police said was a premeditated execution-style series of murders. The victims: young Amish girls, all shot in the head inside a one room Amish schoolhouse. At least three girls were dead, along with the gunman, 32-year-old Charles Carl Roberts.

SHOES FOR SKID ROW

October 5, 12-1pm newscast (TRT 1:36)

KCAL9 reporter Jennifer Davis reported that there was good news for thousands of needy children as they had back to school. Thanks to the Fred Jordan Mission, they now have a good pair of shoes.

SCHOOL SECURITY

October 3, 4-5pm newscast (TRT 1:51)

KCAL9 reporter Jennifer Davis visited a school in Arleta to see what safety measures were being put in place, after three deadly shootings in America in one week were making parents wonder how to keep their children safe.

KIDS NEED PLAYTIME

October 9, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 0:34)

KCAL9 Health reporter Dilva Henry reported that if you want a happy, healthy child, one should make time for playtime. That's according to a report by the American Academy of Pediatrics. They say children need spontaneous play for healthy development. According to the report, a lack of playtime can create serious stress for children, and may also increase the risk for obesity.

SCHOOL LAWSUIT

October 10, 4-5pm newscast (TRT 2:20)

KCAL9 reporter Mark Coogan reported that the L.A. School Board has taken its fight to court to regain total control of the district. They want to overturn a law giving Mayor Villaraigosa power to take over some of the running of the public school system.

SCHOOL SAFETY

October 10, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 1:46)

KCAL9 reporter Jennifer Miller reported that President Bush hosted a daylong conference on school safety. Topping the agenda was how to prevent school violence, and how to deal with the aftermath in the event of a campus tragedy.

SCHOOL RIOTS

October 13, 4-5pm newscast (TRT 1:47)

KCAL9 Inland Empire reporter Craig Fiegener reported live from Fontana with the latest on police moving in on Fontana High School, after a fight escalates into a full-blown riot.

TRUANCY SWEEP

October 12, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 1:39)

KCAL9 reporter Greg Phillips reported a tough life lesson for L.A. students who skip school. There was a massive truancy sweep across Los Angeles that day.

SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT

October 16, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 1:51)

KCAL9 reporter Mark Coogan reported that the new L.A. School Superintendent is making the rounds today, meeting with local leaders. Retired Navy Vice Admiral David Brewer also predicted he and Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa would get along well, even though the Mayor had no input into Brewer's selection.

CURSING AT SCHOOL

October 18, 12-1pm newscast (TRT 1:59)

KCAL9 reporter Noel Cisneros reported that a California middle school is using an unusual method to teach 7^{th} graders an important lesson about tolerance. It's so unusual, students are encouraged to shout offensive language in front of the entire class, and not everyone is happy about this idea.

CANCER GIRL

October 17, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 2:29)

KCAL9 reporter Stacey Butler reported that a little cheerleader was like most eight-year-olds until a devastating diagnosis. Now she is in the fight of her life, and the boys she once cheered for are cheering her on and cheering her up.

CHILD ANNOYANCE

October 20, 4-5pm newscast (TRT 2:10)

KCAL9 reporter Randy Paige reported live from South L.A with the latest on the investigation and search for a child predator that night, who is stalking children near elementary schools.

ELMO EFFECT / X-MAS TOYS

October 23, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 1:50)

KCAL9 reporter Randy Paige reported that even though Halloween hasn't even arrived yet, parents might want to get Christmas in the bag. One character is already a hot buy for this holiday season, and now's the time to make sure you don't miss out on the Elmo effect.

KIDS STUCK

October 25, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 1:07)

KCAL9 anchor Harold Greene reported on a "tight spot"—not one, but two incidents to talk about that night where children got stuck inside a toy vending machine.

LEGO TOYS SOLD OUT

October 31, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 0:40)

KCAL9 anchor Mia Lee reported that children hoping to get Lego toys for Christmas may be in for a disappointment. A spokesperson for Lego says most of the more popular products are already sold out, and the company is having a hard time keeping up with demand for the popular plastic building blocks.

GOOD / BAD CANDY

October 30, 8-9pm newscast (TRT 0:50)

KCAL9 anchor Sylvia Lopez reported that although kids love just about all of it, not all candy is created equal when it comes to cavities. Pediatric dentists say the sticky, gooey or hard candy does the most damage. Dentists say chocolate is a better choice, because it dissolves more quickly.

HALLOWEEN SAFETY

October 31, 12-1pm newscast (TRT 2:05)

KCAL9 reporter Jennifer Davis reported some safety advice for children on Halloween. Safety is the last thing on their minds, but for parents it should be the first.

ORTHO CANDY BUYBACK

November 1, 4-5pm newscast (TRT 1:54)

KCAL9 reporter Amy Johnson reported that some local kids were trading in their bags of candy and gladly going to see the dentist! With no more "trick or treat," today it was "cash or treats."

WHIZ KID

November 1, 4-5pm newscast (TRT 1:44)

KCAL9 reporter Randy Paige interviewed a local whiz kid in between classes at East L.A. college. Most kids his age would rather play videogames or throw a ball around. But this local eight-year-old is doing things most people twice his age couldn't even imagine.

SCHOOL BUS SAFETY

November 6, 12-1pm newscast (TRT 0:48)

KCAL9 Anchor Mia Lee reported that a new study shows 17,000 children are injured each year in school buses, which is three times higher than previous estimates. Children suffered strains, sprains, cuts and bruises in crashes. In addition to the driver, researchers recommend there be another adult on the bus to supervise the children.

LICE REMOVAL

November 6, 4-5pm newscast (TRT 0:51)

KCAL9 reporter Harold Green reported that lice is a common problem among school children—but a new device called the "Louse-Buster" claims to get rid of the insects better than other treatments. It works by killing lice with hot air, and the inventor says unlike current treatments, the Louse-Buster works 100% of the time. The device could be available in schools in a couple of years.

OSCAR MEYER SINGER

November 7, 4-5pm newscast (TRT 1:57)

KCAL9 reporter Carter Evans reported that some talented Southern California kids have made it to the finals in the Oscar Meyer Weiner Jingle Contest. One boy from Apple Valley thinks he has the right stuff to win a trip, cash and a spot in a national T.V. commercial.

COLLEGE DRUG DANGER

November 10, 4-5pm newscast (TRT 1:53)

KCAL9 reporter Harold Greene reported an alert that night for parents, about a powerful drug showing up on college campuses. It's a natural herb that's as potent as LSD, and it is legal. But as one mother explains, it's also deadly.

DRUGGED KIDS

November 13, 12-1pm newscast (TRT 4:58)

KCAL9 Investigative Reporter David Goldstein reported on a KCAL-9 Exclusive Investigation. In California, three out of every thousand children end up in foster care—now some are coming forward with charges that some foster parents are giving them drugs just to keep them quiet.

HUG KID SUSPENDED

November 13, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 1:10)

KCAL9 reporter Jennifer Sabih reported that a ten-year-old wanted a hug, and instead got suspended. He got in trouble after his teacher said he got "too close for comfort."

SCHOOL / FALLEN COP

November 17, 12-1pm newscast (TRT 2:02)

KCAL9 reporter Jaime Garza reported on a very special dedication that day to a police officer that was killed in the line of duty. Parents, students and teachers of a local elementary school have decided to name the school in his honor.

SINGLE SEX EDUCATION

November 24, 12-1pm newscast (TRT 1:37)

KCAL9 reporter Tracie Strahan reported that single sex education could be making a comeback. Starting today, federal laws have changed giving public schools more range in teaching boys and girls separately.

SCHOOL EVACUATION

November 27, 12-1pm newscast (TRT 1:51)

KCAL9 reporter Paul Dandridge reported live from Rolling Hills Estates, with a report on how classes were cut short at a Palos Verdes High School after a bomb scare.

GIFT SHOE BOX

November 27, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 2:18)

KCAL9 reporter Josh Rubenstein reported that a great way to help needy kids around the globe is not in the bag, but in the box. Orange County is taking part in "Operation Christmas Child." The plan is to ship nearly eight million show boxes filled with gifts to deserving kids around the world.

DNA TEST

November 27, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 1:23)

KCAL9 reporter Lisa Sigell reported live from Pacific Palisades with a story straight out of CSI—when it comes to protecting their children, more and more parents are doing a little bit of their own lab work. Sigell explains why.

CHIPS FOR KIDS

December 4, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 0:36)

KCAL9 reporter Jaime Garza reported that you can give some holiday cheer to a child in need, and it's very easy to do—just donate a gift to our "ChiPs for Kids Toy Drive." There are donation locations all over Southern California where you can drop off a new, unwrapped toy.

12-YEAR-OLD HERO

December 4, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 2:14)

KCAL9 reporter Linda Alvarez reported live from Pico Rivera, with details on the story of a true super hero—a 12-year-old boy helped save his family from a burning home that morning.

TEACHER SHORTAGE

December 6, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 0:31)

KCAL9 reporter Glen Walker reported that "The Center For The Future of Teaching and Learning" issued its 8th annual report that day, which says minority and low-income students are getting shortchanged, and also says there's a teacher shortage here in California. The report also said California needs better math and science teachers.

SCHOOL DROPOUTS

December 12, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 0:45)

KCAL9 reporter Rick Chambers reported that when it comes to motivating teenagers to stay in school, no one can replace parents. That was the message of the day in Sacramento, at the California Education Summit on high school dropouts.

ANONYMOUS DONOR

December 13, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 2:14)

KCAL9 reporter Jaime Garza reported that at one Valencia elementary school, an anonymous donor left young students an envelope filled with a special lesson in charity. What someone can give to children who can have pretty much anything they want.

LAUSD LAWSUIT

December 15, 12-1pm newscast (TRT 1:53)

KCAL9 reporter Suzie Suh reported that the fight for control of L.A. Unified goes to court. A lawsuit claims that the Mayor's move to take over is unconstitutional.

X-MAS SPENDING / KIDS

December 17, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 2:07)

KCAL9 reporter Leyna Nguyen reported on the question of how much you should spend on your kids for the holidays, and whether you should set limits. Every family situation is different, but consumer experts have some guidelines for all of us.

MENDING KIDS

December 17, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 0:39)

KCAL9 reporter Leyna Nguyen reported that 'Mending Kids International' is a Los Angeles based non-profit that's brought 12 critically ill children here from Ecuador for desperately needed surgeries. Today the kids were treated to a holiday party complete with presents, food and games. The kids range in age from three months to 16 years old.

SCHOOL REPORT

December 19, 12-1pm newscast (TRT 0:32)

KCAL9 anchor Dave Gonzalez reported that a panel of educators, business leaders and scholars has concluded U.S. schools need a complete overhaul. The panel proposes a series of reforms such as universal pre-school programs, continuing education for adults, state board exams and creating curriculums that emphasize creativity.

MAYOR / LAUSD TAKEOVER

December 21, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 2:03)

KCAL9 reporter Mark Coogan reported a stunning legal setback for L.A. Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa's school takeover plans. A judge has ruled the law allowing him to take partial control of the school district is "unconstitutional".

12-YEAR-OLD HOLIDAY HERO

December 25, 12-1pm newscast (TRT 1:49)

KCAL9 reporter Alana Adams reported that a young boy in Oregon is being celebrated as a 'hero' this Christmas. Tyler Helm helped save a family of four from a raging fire. And apparently this isn't the first time Helm has been a hero.

SCHOOL BUS TOUR

December 25, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 1:10)

KCAL9 reporter Dave Clark reported live from Hawthorne with the story of how 20 students left that night on a road trip that will take them out of L.A. for the first time. The adventure is all about opening their eyes to new people, new sights and experiences.

TEEN DRINKING

December 31, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 2:05)

KCAL9 reporter Michele Miller reported that when it comes to who's responsible for teenage drinking, certainly the teenagers themselves are but in some places, prosecutors are starting to get quite tough on the parents.

CONSUMER ISSUES & ECONOMICS

STOCKS / ECONOMY

October 5, 12-1pm newscast (TRT 2:10)

KCAL9 reporter Alan Mendelson reported that there is a belief that Wall Street is a leading indicator—and that rising prices on Wall Street mean that the economy will improve in the near future. But thus far the good news on Wall Street is not showing up on Main Street.

TAINTED LETTUCE

October 9, 12-1pm newscast (TRT 1:48)

KCAL9 reporter Jennifer Davis reported that from spinach to raw milk, and now a brand of lettuce being recalled after concerns of E. coli contamination. And the company behind it has a California connection as well.

CUSTOMER WAIT TIMES

October 9, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 2:27)

KCAL9 reporter Randy Paige reported live from Burbank with the results of a national survey—folks in L.A. wait longer for service than elsewhere in the country.

TOO MUCH MERLOT

October 9, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 1:30)

KCAL9 reporter Jennifer Sabih reported live from Glendale with details on why America's best-selling wine seems to have soured with customers. California's Merlot industry has been knocked sideways—it seems people are not drinking any Merlot.

BREAST CANCER MONEY

October 11, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 2:20)

KCAL9 reporter Stacey Butler reported that when you buy a product with a pink ribbon, do you know how much of that money is actually going to breast cancer research? October is Breast Cancer Awareness month, and it's natural to want to help.

SOCIAL SECURITY CHECKS

October 18, 12-1pm newscast (TRT 0:30)

KCAL9 anchor Dave Gonzalez reported that social security checks will go up 3.3 percent next year. The increase for this year was 4.1 percent. It means about 33 extra dollars per month for the average recipient.

REAL ESTATE SCAM

October 18, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 2:14)

KCAL9 reporter Mark Coogan reported live from near downtown Los Angeles with the story of how two Monterey Park residents are accused of victimizing the elderly and other homeowners. The state Attorney General says they rented out some 100 buildings that didn't belong to them, and they even destroyed treasured belongings of the real owners.

PLAYSTATION 3

October 25, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 1:46)

KCAL9 reporter Greg Mills reported a preview of the game that will really play with your pocketbook. Gamers are ga-ga over the soon-to-be-released Playstation 3.

CAMPING FOR TOYS

October 29, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 0:35)

KCAL9 reporter Dave Clark reported that the annual pre-holiday toy rush is on, with pre-sales on some of the more popular items. Customers in Atwater Village spent the weekend camped out in front of a Toys-R-Us store, hoping to get their hands on the new PS3 or the new Tickle-Me-Elmo doll.

KFS TRANSFAT

October 30, 12-1pm newscast (TRT 1:46)

KCAL9 reporter Jennifer Davis reported that a national restaurant chain is making a change in its recipes to cut the fat and offer healthier menu items to customers. Kentucky Fried Chicken is phasing out trans fats that have been linked to high cholesterol levels.

GAS BOILER RECALL

October 31, 3-3:30pm newscast (TRT 0:42)

KCAL9 anchor Mia Lee reported a consumer alert: The government is recalling 16-thousand gas boilers because of a threat of carbon monoxide poisoning. The boilers are part of the Weil-Mclain Ultra Series, Models 80, 105, 155, 230 and 310. The serial numbers range from CP5071716 to CP5327000.

UNLICENSED CONTRACTORS

November 1, 4-5pm newscast (TRT 2:30)

KCAL9 reporter Josh Rubenstein reported on a crackdown that afternoon on unlicensed contractors. L.A. City officials say shoddy work and other construction problems can cost homeowners millions of dollars, and Rubenstein spoke with one woman who lost nearly 90-thousand dollars in a construction nightmare.

OIL TAX / PROP 87

November 7, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 1:54)

KCAL9 reporter Randy Paige reported live with reactions on Prop 87—a proposed four billion dollar tax on oil companies to fund alternative energy. Former President Bill Clinton campaigned in favor of this proposal.

GAS GIVEAWAY

November 9, 12-1pm newscast (TRT 1:29)

KCAL9 reporter Jennifer Davis reported that with gas prices inching upwards again, what could be better than a free fill up? Hundreds of people got lucky today getting free gasoline, thanks to an online contest.

GAS PRICES

November 10, 12-1pm newscast (TRT 1:49)

KCAL9 reporter Jennifer Davis reported that just when you thought it was safe to go one more day without filling up, gas prices are on the rise again. We explore the possible reasons why.

MEDI-SPA DANGERS

November 10, 12-1pm newscast (TRT 4:07)

KCAL9 reporter Laura Diaz reported that more and more Medical Spas are being seen here in Southern California, offering everything from facials to liposuctions. But some of these medi-spas can also be very dangerous.

PLAYSTATION 3

November 16, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 1:44)

KCAL9 reporter Greg Mills reported live from Hawthorne on the most coveted piece of technology at the moment—Sony's Playstation 3 goes on sale tonight at midnight. People have been waiting in lines for days to spend hundreds of dollars to get one.

PLAYSTATION 3

November 17, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 1:46)

KCAL9 reporter Jennifer Davis reported on the video game madness of fans trying to get their hands on Sony's new Playstation 3—it led to serious disorder at retail outlets! Pandemonium has been a common scene at stores around the country.

SCRATCH AND SNIFF ADS

November 17, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 1:59)

KCAL9 reporter Carter Evans reported that after sight and sound—now smell. Marketing executives try to get you to buy their products by using a third sense, and you can find it in the newest People Magazine.

HOLIDAY TRAVEL

November 20, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 1:50)

KCAL9 reporter Jennifer Davis reported that if you're traveling this Thanksgiving, you don't need to be told that patience is one of the most important things to pack. Especially this year, because lines are expected to be very long.

BLACK FRIDAY / CITADEL

November 24, 12-1pm newscast (TRT 1:36)

KCAL9 reporter Greg Phillips reported that some shoppers headed out to the outlet malls for even bigger discounts early in the morning. Phillips spoke with a few of the folks who did their holiday shopping at the Citadel that day.

BLACK FRIDAY

November 24, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 1:35)

KCAL9 reporter Lisa Sigell reported live from Torrance where people were still spending money, after shopping 'til they dropped tons of money. The frenzy known as "Black Friday" is almost in the books.

MYSTERY SHOPPER

November 29, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 2:53)

KCAL9 reporter Sandra Mitchell reported that getting paid to shop, go to movies and even eat out is all in a day in the life of a mystery shopper! Mitchell explains how this works.

CHICKEN BACTERIA

December 5, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 0:31)

KCAL9 anchor Pat Harvey reported that a new study by "Consumers Union" found an alarming number of chickens purchased in stores are contaminated with bacteria. The report said consumers can kill these bacteria by cooking whole chickens to 180 degrees and chicken breasts to 170 degrees.

TACO BELL ONIONS

December 6, 12-1pm newscast (TRT 1:39)

KCAL9 reporter Jennifer Davis reported that your next Taco Bell order may be missing green onions. The fast food chain has banned the use of onions after E. coli bacteria were found.

LADDER ACCIDENTS / SAFETY TIPS

December 6, 12-1pm newscast (TRT 2:04)

KCAL9 reporter Randy Paige reported live from East L.A., that according to one estimate, 30% of people putting up Christmas lights and other items slip and fall. In a recent case here, a man died. Paige provides some tips on staying safe during the season.

TACO BELL / E. COLI

December 7, 8-9pm newscast (TRT 1:55)

KCAL9 reporter Randy Paige reported that investigators that night were scouring a field of green onions grown here in Southern California, to see if they're connected to an e. Coli outbreak on the east coast. Scores of people are sick after eating at east coast Taco Bell restaurants that get their onions from Southern California.

DECORATION SAFETY

December 9. 10-11pm newscast (TRT 2:08)

KCAL9 reporter Leyna Nguyen reported that you see homes around Southern California all decked out for the holidays. But when you decorate this year, make sure you do it safely, so your holiday cheer doesn't turn into disaster.

BARBIE COMEBACK

December 10, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 0:30)

KCAL9 reporter Mary Beth McDade reported that you could expect Barbie to be under more Christmas trees—sales are up for the first time in years. Additionally, a survey of parents shows Barbie is the top toy for girls this holiday season.

PURSE SNATCHING

December 11, 12-1pm newscast (1:54)

KCAL9 Orange County reporter Dave Lopez reported live from Costa Mesa with more on an unusual warning this year for holiday shoppers—leave that big handbag at home when you go to the mall.

GIFT CARDS

December 17, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 0:37)

KCAL9 reporter Leyna Nguyen reported that gift cards are a growing trend in gift giving, but new numbers reveal that millions of gift cards from last year have never been used. That's great news for retailers who are still seeing record sales of gift cards. According to one consumer report, nearly one in five will go unused.

SPENDING TOO MUCH

December 18, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 1:29)

KCAL9 Consumer reporter Randy Paige reported some ways to control your spending, with still a full week left of shopping before Christmas. It's no surprise that this time of year leads lots of people to spend more than their budget allows.

SHOPPER BLACKLIST

December 20, 8-9pm newscast (TRT 1:00)

KCAL9 anchor Pat Harvey reported that there's a warning out that stores may blacklist certain "return" customers. The experts at Consumer World dot com say more and more stores are using The Return Exchange in Irvine, or companies like it, to track customer returns.

HOLIDAY DELIVERY PROBLEMS

December 21, 8-9pm newscast (TRT 2:20)

KCAL9 reporter Sylvia Lopez reported that hundreds of thousands of Christmas travelers were stranded that night, and so were a lot of Christmas gifts! The serious question at the moment is, is there any way your packages will make it in time for Christmas? Unfortunately, the answer is they might not.

CHRISTMAS SHOPPING

December 21, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 1:35)

KCAL9 reporter Lisa Sigell reported live from Atwater Village with lastminute suggestions, as time was running out for Christmas shopping. With three days to go, the good news is there are some real bargains on big-ticket items.

CLONED MEAT / MILK

December 28, 12-1pm newscast (TRT 0:37)

KCAL9 Health reporter Dilva Henry reported that the statement expected to come from officials at the FDA that day is that food from cloned animals is safe. And the FDA is not expected to require any special labeling for cloned food. Some consumer groups don't agree. The Consumer Federation of America will ask grocery stores to refuse to sell cloned food.